

Latest Rating On Nixon's Job

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President Nixon's job rating remains near its low point to date, with 28 per cent currently expressing approval of the way he is handling his job as president, compared with 59 per cent who disapprove and

13 per cent who are undecided.

The latest findings, recorded the weekend following the president's State of the Union message January 30, show a slight change since the previous survey, conducted in late January. In that survey, 26 per cent approved — the president's low point to date.

Following is the question asked by the Gallup poll about each incumbent president since Franklin Roosevelt's administration:

"Do you approve or disapprove of the way (name of incumbent president) is handling his job as president?"

Here are the national findings and the trend since November, showing a decline in approval between the early December and late January surveys, but a subsequent leveling off in the latest survey.

| | TREND IN NIXON'S JOB RATING SINCE NOVEMBER | | |
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| | Ap- prove % | Dis- approve % | No Op- inion % |
| Feb. 1-4 | 28 | 59 | 13 |
| Jan. 18-21 | 26 | 64 | 10 |
| Jan. 4-7 | 27 | 63 | 10 |
| Dec. 7-10 | 29 | 60 | 11 |
| Nov. 30-Dec. 3 | 31 | 59 | 10 |
| Nov. 2-5 | 27 | 63 | 10 |

Analysis of the survey findings shows him receiving majority approval from only one major population group — members of his own party. Among GOP voters, 59 per cent approve of the way he is handling his job, whereas 30 per cent disapprove and 11 per cent are undecided. In comparison, only 16 per cent of Democrats and 28 per cent of Independents approve.

Regionally, he continues to receive his highest job rating in the South, particularly in the Deep South. Among southerners, 35 per cent approve compared to 24 per cent in the East, 30 per cent in the Midwest, and 22 per cent in the Far West.

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